

Muscoy MAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Council Members Present:

Larry Claunch Anna Duarte Vanney Mayberry Kay Sanders Jerry Smith

Council Members Absent: Gloria Dickey Lea Tinker

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Claunch at 7 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Chairman Claunch entertained a motion to amend the August Minutes:

Amendment 1. CERT Report – clarify that Ms. Dawson has registered the Muscoy CERT sub-council with the State but she did not submit a list of names for the CERT Council membership.

Amendment 2. Special Districts Presentation – Amend Ms. Vandervoort's report to state that she will present draft surveys at the next MAC meeting.

The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Non-Action Items

A. Sheriff's Department – Service Specialist Kathy Gray

Ms. Gray presented the Muscoy crime statistics for the month of August:

105 reports; 4 malicious vandalisms; 14 property; 7 auto thefts; 10 auto thefts w/ recovered vehicles; 8 crimes against persons; 21 miscellaneous; 36 arrests

Residents may contact the Sheriff's Dept. to report a noise complaint.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Central Station is responsible for serving the unincorporated community of Muscoy. For non-emergency calls and/or information residents may contact the station at (909) 387-8313. For emergencies call 911.

B. California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos

Officer Ramos reported that CHP received 9 logged complaints for the month of August.

CHP is responsible for policing traffic in the county unincorporated areas. If residents have a concern with speeding and or parking in their neighborhood they are encouraged to contact the CHP and file a traffic complaint at (909) 383-4247.

CHP also offers instructional programs for young drivers and seniors. The classes are free and help teach defensive driving and safety techniques. For more information contact Officer Ramos or Officer Rodman at (909) 383-4247.

C. County Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Supervisor Julie Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez reported that there are currently 112 open cases in the Muscoy area. Most of these complaints include inoperative vehicles, junk/trash and illegal use of the property (which include illegal businesses, and substandard housing).

Code Enforcement is investigating reports of illegal dumping off of Cajon Blvd. If anyone has information regarding illegal dumping they can contact Code Enforcement to report information: (909) 387-4044.

Action Items

A. County Special Districts – Pam Vandervoort

Ms. Vandervoort presented a draft survey for the proposed Muscoy streetlight district. The final survey will be mailed out to property owners in the proposed area with a 30-day survey response time; the return due date would be October 31. A note for Spanish translation would be placed in the bottom. If the returned surveys are more than 50% in favor of forming a street lighting district, Special Districts will recommend moving forward with a special election. A private company would handle the ballot counting and provide Special Districts with the election results. Respondents are assured anonymity.

There are currently two options for street lighting. Once an option has been selected it will be placed on the survey:

1. Placement of street lights at all street intersections.
 - a. Total cost per property owner would be approximately \$9 per year.
 - b. An annual inflation increase of no more than 2.5% would be assessed depending on the increase of energy costs.
2. Placement of streetlights at intersections and mid-block.
 - a. Total cost per property owner would be approximately \$18 per year.
 - b. An annual inflation increase of no more than 2.5% would be assessed depending on the increase of energy costs.

Council Member Duarte moved that the MAC form a citizens committee to review the results of the street lighting survey. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

As Chair of the citizens oversight committee, Ms. Duarte invited community members to contact her about serving on the committee. Ms. Vandervoort set November 2nd at 3:00 pm to review survey responses. The survey results will be brought back to the MAC by Council Member Duarte with a recommendation on whether or not to proceed with an election.

NEW BUSINESS

Non-Action Items

A. CERT – Citizen Corps Sub-Council & Training – Richard Monfils

Mr. Monfils thanked Ms. Sue Dawson for registering the names of the CERT sub-council for the Muscoy community with Dennis West in the Office of Emergency Services.

Mr. Monfils gave a presentation on the importance of having a disaster preparedness plan including a disaster supply kit. He discussed the benefits of staying in communication with neighbors and local emergency services, such as the local Fire Dept.

Mr. Monfils stressed the value of having a diverse sub-council reflective of the Muscoy community, including educators, businesspersons and bilingual Spanish-speaking persons. A variety of ages and experience will allow members to complement one another in the planning and implementation of disaster plans. He stated that the MAC is feasible for this role as it is diverse, organized and follows Parliamentary procedures.

Action Items

None

REPORTS

5th District Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

Fire Station – In response to community concerns, the Supervisor formally requested the swift demolition of the old Muscoy Fire station. As soon as County Fire receives their clearance with AQMD they will notify the Supervisor with the exact date for demolition.

Public Safety - Supervisor Gonzales continues to confer with Sheriff Captain Howell, from Central Station to discuss strategies for enhancing public safety in Muscoy. The Sheriff's Dept. will soon implement a new Multiple Enforcement Team (MET). The MET team's initial target area will be the Muscoy community.

After school programs - Supervisor Josie Gonzales is allocating \$10,000 for mini-grants to fund after school programs operating within the Fifth District. The "After School Program Mini-Grant Awards" will offer mini-grants up to \$2,500. There is no deadline to apply. However, the mini-grants will be distributed to qualifying programs on a first-come, first-served basis. For more info contact (909) 387-4565. Applications also are available on Supervisor Gonzales' website at www.sbcounty.gov/gonzales.

Grant Writing Conference - The October 25, 2006 conference is fully booked. Supervisor made arrangement for five people from Muscoy to attend Supervisor Biane's conference on Monday in Rancho Cucamonga. The **eCivis** program is available **free** in over 30 county libraries and at the First Five office in San Bernardino.

CAL Disposal Services – Spoke with Kathleen Bingham, Solid Waste Programs Administrator, regarding issues raised last month by Muscoy residents regarding fees, trash disposal options, and the lack of hauler competition. She said that the fee, \$52.50/month for a 1-1/2 cubic yard bin is approximately \$2 - \$10 less than what is charged in other valley franchise areas; however, the hauler will provide barrel service for \$22.25/month. This includes pick-up of up of trash barrels. Recycling and green waste collection in separate barrels. The resident must provide the barrels. It also includes collection of bulky items up to two times a year, curbside, at no additional charge. The hauler will also take up to 2 CRTs. Ms. Bingham recommends the barrel service.

Ms. Bingham stated that the lack of hauler competition has had no adverse impact on the rates charged because the rates are regulated by the County. The reason the County went to the franchise program was to implement consistent curbside waste diversion collection programs within each community in response to AB939 waste diversion mandates.

Ms. Bingham agrees that bins are aesthetically displeasing. This may be an issue for further discussion and consideration. Ms. Bingham would be glad to attend a MAC meeting to talk to residents about the program and answer any questions residents may have.

Events

4th Annual Celebrating Seniors Healthy Aging Fair – Thursday, Sept. 21, 9:00am to 2:00pm @ the Natl. Orange Show, 689 S. "E" St., S.B. Sponsored by County of S.B. Dept. of Aging & Adult Services and Supervisor Josie Gonzales. The event is Free: health screenings, continental breakfast, lunch, and door prizes. For info, call Glenda Jackson @ 909 891-3900.

14th Annual Del-Fest Day for Kids – Saturday, September 23, 2006. Event is hosted by Delmann Heights Boys and Girls Club in partnership with the City of S.B. Code Compliance, Parks and Recreation, Open Mortgage, Empowerment Temple Christian Fellowship. Entertainment includes a Classic Car Show, Gospel Groups & Choirs, a Basketball

Tournament, Free Hot Dogs, Drinks (for children 2-14), Dominoes Tournament, Barbecue Cook Off, and more. Info, contact Rachel Brown, Site-Director (909) 384-5417.

4th Annual Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Health & Safety Fair, Saturday, Sept. 23, 10am to 3pm. 400 N Pepper Ave., Colton. Sponsored by Supervisor Josie Gonzales, ARMC Foundation, IEHP, and other sponsors. Free health screenings, snowboard lessons, food, snacks, raffle prizes, slide & bounce house, safety demos, & more.

County Wide Community Cleanup & Recycling Day - Saturday, October 28, 2006 – entry to County Dump sites are FREE.

Pedometers - People may purchase a California Speedway/NASCAR Pedometer at www.californiaspeedway.com. Proceeds will benefit the Fitness Challenge Foundation. For more information, go to their website: www.kidsfitnesschallenge.com. Keep track of your steps starting Oct. 2. Reach the goal by Feb. 15 and participants may have a chance to win prizes.

Supervisor Gonzales is promoting healthy lifestyles and walking with her “Get Fit Program.” Ms. Vasquez invited all attendees to take a pedometer compliments of Supervisor Gonzales.

MAC MEMBER REPORTS:

Chairman Larry Claunch

No Report

Council Member Vanney Mayberry

No Report

Council Member Kay Sanders

No Report

Council Member Jerry Smith

No Report

Council Member Anna Duarte

No report

CERT Report

Ms. Sue Dawson reported that due to health reasons that she would relinquish her chair of the CERT sub-council to Co-Chair, Ms. Frankie Sexton.

Public Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned to the next MAC meeting scheduled for October 17, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Muscoy Fire Station # 75, 2852 Macy Street.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – Muscoy MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565